



DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

news release

Fish and Wildlife Service

For Release: July 1, 1994

Janet Tennyson 202-208-5634

WINNERS OF JUNIOR DUCK STAMP DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Talented youngsters from Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and Maryland won national honors June 30 in the Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest sponsored by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Twenty-five states participated in the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Program and Design Contest during the past school year.

Seventeen-year-old Clark Weaver of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, garnered first place honors for his acrylic painting of hooded mergansers. Second place went to Clark McCune, age 17, of Hyannis, Nebraska, for his ink pointillism rendition of Canada geese. An acrylic painting of a wood duck by Paul Makuchal, age 17, of Pocomoke, Maryland, won third place honors.

Modeled after the Service's annual Federal Duck Stamp competition, the Junior Duck Stamp Contest is part of a unique educational curriculum that teaches youngsters in grades K-12 about waterfowl, the importance of wetlands, and conservation in general.

"Kids and teachers both like the Junior Duck Stamp Program because it combines science and the arts in a way that's educational and fun," said Service Director Mollie Beattie.

(more)

Educators use the curriculum throughout the school year and one of the suggested classroom activities is developing Junior Duck Stamp designs, some of which are eventually entered into a statewide art competition. In each state, Junior Duck Stamp design entries are sent in the spring to a designated facility where they are judged by a group of 3 to 5 people well known or active in the local wildlife art or conservation community.

State "Best of Show" winning designs are sent to Washington, DC, where the top three national winners are chosen during the Service's annual celebration of the Federal Duck Stamp's First Day of Sale. The judges of the previous year's Federal Duck Stamp Contest select the national Junior Duck Stamp design winners.

The top three winners are awarded a free trip to Washington, DC, along with their art teachers and one of their parents, in November to be honored at the 1994 Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

Legislation is pending in Congress to allow the Service to create and sell Junior Duck Stamps for \$5 to raise proceeds to award scholarships for Junior Duck Stamp design winners.

States participating in the program this year were Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

For more information on the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Program and Design Contest, contact Program Manager JoAnn Schneider, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Duck Stamp Office, 1849 C Street, NW. Room 2058, Washington, DC, 20240; telephone (202) 208-4354.